National Sea Route and Coastal/Maritime Infrastructure

1514. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for establishment of National Sea Route and associated coastal/maritime infrastucture along the North Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh with an estimated cost of Rs. 6053 crores;

(b) the complete details of the proposal;

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning it;

(d) the response of the Union Government to this proposal; and

(e) by when it is likely to be given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) In the context of the exercise undertaken to formulate a Policy for the Maritime Sector (Ports, Merchant Shipping and IWT) and the National Maritime Development Programme, the Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a proposal for establishment of National Sea waterways along the North Coastal Andhra Pradesh with the associated development of Coastal and Marine Infrastructure of Ports/Warehouses and complementary development of Coastal and marine Infrastructure and IMO compliances, for consideration and approval of the Central Government. The Project component includes development and establishment of new ports at 10 locations, development and construction of 4 trestle structures, improvements to existing minor ports, logistics nad waterhouses, sub-projects like ship-repair facility, fish landing and fishery infrastructure, oil spill response unit, ship breaking yard, coastal tourism and recreational infrastructure, sheltered waters and ports of refuge as also preparation of Detailed Project Reports. The total project estimate as furnished by the government of Andhra Pradsh is Rs. 6053 crores out of which an amount of Rs. 1353.60 crores is proposed from private sector and financial support of Rs. 4699 crores for implementation over a two year programme has been sought from the Central Government.

Under the existing legal framework, the responsibility for development of ports other than Major Ports and Shipping & Navigation of Inland Waterways, other than National Waterways vests with the respective State Governments, which in this case is Government of Andhra Pradesh. Further, there is no scheme under which Central Financial Assistance could be rendered for development of the said maritime infrastucture as envisaged by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Expansion of NH-9 in AP

1515. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Rs. 1,300 crores have been sanctioned for expansion of NH-9 in Andhra Pradesh;